

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the TITLE, please insert the following paragraph.

Priority

This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/122,266, filed April 11, 2002, and titled FLUORIDE CRYSTALLINE OPTICAL LITHOGRAPHY LENS ELEMENT BLANK, which in turn is a continuation of U. S. Patent Application, Serial Number 09/835,451, filed April 16, 2001 entitled FLUORIDE CRYSTALLINE OPTICAL LITHOGRAPHY LENS ELEMENT BLANK, by Mayolet et al.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph.

Preferably qualifying includes measuring the absorption spectrum of the member from 200 nm to 220 nm for the 205 nm lead absorption peak and exciting the member with 203 nm excitation radiation and measuring the luminescence spectrum produced by exciting the member in accordance with FIG. 8.